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Ms. Cindy Padilla, Director New Mexico Environment Department Water and Waste Management Division P. O. Box 26110 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Ms. Padilla:

Re: Remedial Investigation Report

Smelter/Tailings Soils Investigative Unit

Submitted under separate cover is the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report for the Smelter/Tailing Soils Investigation Unit (STSIU) under the Chino Administrative Order on Consent. This plan was submitted today to Messrs. Chris Eustice and Phil Harrigan.

Please contact Mr. Robert Quintanar at (505) 537-4228 if you have any questions regarding this RI report.

Very truly yours,

E. L. (Ned) Hall, Manager Environment, Land & Water

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